

you name one thing that has changed between July and now as it relates to the world situation that would make gasoline come down? The uncertainty actually with regard to Iran and other oil producing countries is more now than it was then.

The only thing that has changed is we are closer to November 7th. No other factor has changed. And yet we see a dramatic reduction in the last couple weeks in gasoline prices. But the underlying factors are still there. All the uncertainty about the oil producing countries, whether it be Iraq or the situation in the Middle East, is the same as it was in July. It is interesting, isn't it?

Mr. ROSS. It is very interesting. Let me say as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I have a plan to put America on a path toward energy independence. If we had time we would go into it in all the details tonight.

I was out visiting with constituents in 34 towns in my district in August talking about my plan to put America on a path toward energy independence. We have a plan to do that as members of the fiscally conservative Democratic Blue Dog Coalition.

Mr. TANNER. We need to start on it tonight.

Mr. ROSS. We have a plan. We have a plan to restore accountability to our government, to be sure that our government is accountable for your tax money, Mr. Speaker. We have a plan, in fact it is a 12 point plan, for budget reform.

So, Mr. Speaker, we are standing here willing, ready and able and asking that the Republican Members of this Congress work with us, work with us to restore common sense and fiscal discipline to our Nation's government so we can pay down this debt.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 4 p.m.

Mr. CASTLE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for the week of September 25 on account of medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURGESS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and September 27, 28, and 29.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,584.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1442. An act to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "shipping", as positive law.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

S. 1323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9594. A letter from the Acting Deputy Maritime Administrator and Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for Fiscal Year 2005, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9595. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of De-

fense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9596. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of advance billing for the Defense-Wide Working Capital Fund, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2208; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9597. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of real admiral (lower half) accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9598. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-69, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9599. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-55, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9600. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-59, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Netherlands for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9601. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No. 06-00A, relating to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 92-18 of 03 March 1992; to the Committee on International Relations.

9602. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-68, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9603. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Iraq (Transmittal No. DDTC 049-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9604. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense articles or defense services to the Government of Canada (Transmittal No. DDTC 011-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9605. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of